क्षमता 1500 मेगावाट थी ।

(घ) वाणिज्यिक रूप से काम कर रहे न्यूक्लियर पावर कॉरपोरेशन ऑफ इंडिया लिमिटेड के परमाणु विद्युत संयंत्रों का वर्ष 1992-93 के दौरान समग्र क्षमता गुणक 55 प्रतिशत था जबकि पिछले वर्ष अर्थात 1991-92 के दौरान यह 51 प्रतिशत था ।

Tests of Radio Activity Conducted by B. A. R. C.

4157. SHRI MISA R. GANESAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Pokharan nuclear site has been deserted by the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the nuclear site was protected by barbed wire fence from encroachment by animals and nearby villagers;

(c) when the B. A. R. C. conducted last tests on the site about radioactivity level; if so, what was the finding thereof;

(d) whether B. A. R. C. would conduct immediately radioactivity test on the site to find out the level of radioactivity;

(e) whether Government would instruct the concerned to conduct complete medical check up of all inhabitants of nearby villages; and

(f) if the answer to part (e) above be in the negative, what other steps are proposed to be taken by Government to protect the health of the villagers ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. Bhabha Atomic Research Centre has been keeping the place under surveillance by periodically monitoring the environment.

(c) The latest measurements carried out in June-July 1993 have not shown any increase in the radioactivity levels in the environment around the Pokharan site.

(d) The present practice of periodic monitoring of the environment around the site will continue.

(e) and (f) In view of (c & d) above, the question of any effect on the health of the surrounding population as a result of the experiment does not arise and there is no need for any special medical check up of the inhabitants in the nearby villages.

Discovery of Uranium in Bihar

4158 SHRI R. S. AHLUWALIA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that rich diposits of Uranium have been discovered in various parts of Bihar in the recent past;

(b) if so, what are the datails thereof;

(c) whether Uranium production has started at such places;

(d) if so, what are the datails thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) by when Government propose to start the Uranium production in Bihar ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

(e) Uranium is produced from Jaduguda and Bhatin Mines, Bihar by Uranium Corporation of India Limited (UCIL) since 1967 and 1980 respectively.

Withdrawal of Tata Companies from HPC

@4159. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL
SHRI RAM GOPAL YADAV :
Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Tata Tea and Tata Chemicals, which are co-promoters of Haldia Petro-Chemicals Project (HPC) have withdrawn from the HPC;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for such withdrawal by those two companies;

(c) whether other companies of Tata's group will take the place of these two withdrawing companies so that Tata's Commitment to HPC is fulfilled;

(d) to what extent the implementation of HPC would be further delayed due to withdrawal by the Tata Companies under question; and

(e) what is the original and revised target dates of completion of HPC and the initial and revised cost estimates of the project ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. According to West Bengal Industrial Development Corporation (WBIDC), these companies withdraw purely on internal corporate decision of Tata Group.

@ Previously Unstarred Question 2933 Transferred from 18-8-93.

(c) WBIDC has informed that other companies of Tata Group would take the place of Tata Tea and Tata Chemicals, so that Tata's commitment to HPC is fulfilled.

(d) WBIDC do not apprehend any delay towards implementation of the project.

(e) The project will be implemented in two phases. WBIDC expects the first phase of the project costing about Rs. 3000 crores to be completed by 1996-97.

Short supply of Phosphoric Acid

4160. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that phosphoric acid is in acute short supply in the country for manufacturing of Complex Phosphoric Fertilizers;

(b) if so, whether Government would place Import of phosphoric acid under OGL and waive the custom duty for manufacturing of phosphoric fertilizers to enable sick units to survive; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and if not what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) to (c) The Indian phosphoric fertilizers industry is largely dependent on imported phosphoric acid for its production needs. The imports of phosphoric acid have been decanalised with effect from 1-4-1992 and no customs duty is leviable thereon.

Pollution caused by H. F. C.

4161. SHRI BHADRESWAR GOHAIN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that the rearing of Muga is greatly affected due to the emission of hazardous and harmful chemicals by the Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation, Namrup unit in Assam in and around Borhat, Nainrup etc.;

(b) whether it is a fact that the inspite of repeated instructions and reminders from Government on action has been taken by the authorities of the Namrup units of the Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation; and

(c) if so, what action Government propose to take against the recalcitrant Fertilizer unit ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) to (c) Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Limited (HFC) have recently carried out extensive modifications in the Sulphuric Acid Plant at their Namrup unit with a view to controlling the pollution as per the standards prescribed by the State Pollution Control Board. After the above modifications, emission from the Sulphuric Acid Plant are reported to be within the permissible limits.

Demand for Pharmaceuticals Sector by ASSOCHEM

4162. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that ASSOCHAM has demanded to reform the pharmaceuticals sector; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) and (b) The Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM) had organised a workshop on the subject of 'Price control in pharmaceutical Industry. Its relevance in the current Indian Economy', at New Delhi, on 17-7-93. Various speakers expressed their views on the desirability of price control or decontrol. The price control on drugs and its related aspects have been covered in the Background Note on Review of Drug Policy 86, which has been discussed in the House in the current session.

Board level changes in Public Sector Fertilizer Units

4163. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that sweeping board-level changes have been made by Government in all public sector fertilizer units;

(b) if so, the strategy behind the sweeping Board-level changes in fertiliser units;

(c) whether it is a fact that an increased number of non-official Directors have been appointed; and

(d) if so, the details of all non-official Directors appointed in FCI, HFC, RCF, NFL, FACT and PDIL since 1st June, 1993 ?